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MUCOSAL DISORDERS*

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicants submit a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, including one (1) page of Form PTO-1449, copy of one (1) of the two documents cited therein, and a copy of the International Search Report in related PCT application No. PCT/IB2007/004665, mailed on July 22, 2009. Pursuant to the waiver in the notice entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications Filed After June 30, 2003" published on August 5, 2003 in 1273 OG 55, a copy of the U.S. Patent is not enclosed. A copy will be provided upon request, however.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) after the filing of an Appeal Brief. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge a fee of \$180.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-3129, representing the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should

an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 50-3129.

Certification Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (e)(2)

Each item of information listed below this certification in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, each item listed below was not known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

U.S. Patents

<u>Number</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Class/Subclass</u>
4,307,075	12-22-1981	Martin	424/435

Foreign Documents

<u>Number</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Country</u>
WO 00/059423	10-12-2000	Watson Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	PCT

It is Applicants' belief that the references listed above are cumulative to references already made of record and/or are not relevant to the pending claims.

Martin discloses a composition containing Karaya gum. Karaya gum is a naturally occurring vegetable gum, not a synthetic polycarboxylic acid as required by the claims.

WO 00/059423 describes compositions containing unplasticized polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP). PVP is not a synthetic polycarboxylic acid as required by the claims.

Remarks

This statement should not be interpreted as a representation that an exhaustive search has been conducted or that no better art exists. Moreover, Applicants invite the Examiner and/or the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences to make an independent evaluation of the cited art to determine its relevance to the subject matter of the present application. Applicants are of the opinion that their claims patentably distinguish over the art referred to herein, either alone or in combination.

Respectfully submitted,

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